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**CHEROKEE COUNCIL HOUSE  
CHEROKEE, QUALLA BOUNDARY, NC**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (2025)**

*A resolution to exclude Nelson Soto Perez from the lands of the  
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.*

- WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians ("EBCI" or "Tribe") has the sovereign authority to exclude persons from lands of the Eastern Band to protect the integrity, law and order of the lands, and the welfare of Tribal members; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has codified its authority to exclude persons from the lands of the Eastern Band at Chapter 2 of the Cherokee Code; and
- WHEREAS, the power to exclude is an inherent and essential part of Tribal sovereignty that is indispensable to the Tribe's autonomy and self-governance; and
- WHEREAS, NELSON SOTO PEREZ (Date of Birth: 12/07/1992) is not a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, but is said to be residing in and around the Qualla Boundary; and
- WHEREAS, PEREZ was involved in an incident on the Qualla Boundary on 12/27/2024 where the victim, Jorge Rodriguez was stabbed almost 20 times in multiple places on his body by PEREZ and two other males; and
- WHEREAS, PEREZ and the two males fled the scene and were later taken into custody by CIPD; and
- WHEREAS, PEREZ does not appear to have any legitimate business upon the Qualla Boundary; and
- WHEREAS, it is believed that PEREZ poses a threat to the health, welfare, and safety to the members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the EBCI in its entirety; and
- NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council, in Council assembled with a quorum present, and with the number of votes required by Tribal law, NELSON SOTO PEREZ is hereby PERMANENTLY EXCLUDED from all Tribal lands and is hereby notified and ordered to vacate all tribal lands.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this permanent exclusion prohibits NELSON SOTO PEREZ from entering or being present on Tribal lands for any purpose except as required by Tribal Council or Tribal Court.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if NELSON SOTO PEREZ is found improperly on Tribal lands at any time after the effective date of this resolution, he shall be treated as a trespasser and appropriate legal action shall be taken against him.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that all resolutions inconsistent with this resolution are rescinded, and that this resolution shall become effective when ratified by the Principal Chief.

*Submitted by Chief of Police Carla Neadeau.*

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